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Via Hand Delivery

Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Eastover Solar LLC – Request for Approval of Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and Confidential Treatment Docket Numbers 2018-401-E and 2019-51-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") (formerly South Carolina Electric & Gas), hereby files with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") and seeks approval of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (the "Settlement") between DESC and Eastover Solar LLC ("Solar Developer"), with such approval to be made effective as of August 28, 2019, the effective date of the Settlement.

Solar Developer plans to construct a solar generating facility up to approximately 73.6 MW that will be a Qualifying Facility as defined by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Regulation 18 C.F.R. § 292.204. Solar Developer entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("IA") with DESC on November 13, 2018. On January 24, 2019, Solar Developer filed a Motion to Maintain Status Quo (the "Motion") and a Request for Modification (the "Request") in Docket No. 2019-51-E (the "Eastover Docket"). The Motion related to certain provisions of the IA. By Commission order, the Eastover Docket was consolidated with Docket No. 2018-401-E on February 11, 2019. Now, the parties have entered into the Settlement, subject to the approval of the Commission, to amicably resolve the issues pertaining to the Motion. Upon approval by the Commission, the parties will submit a Joint Motion to Withdraw the Motion. The Settlement does not require withdrawal of the Request.

However, due to the commercially sensitive and proprietary nature of the Settlement, as well as the highly competitive nature of the industry in which Solar Developer and DESC operate, DESC and Solar Developer have agreed to keep the terms of the Settlement confidential. In accordance with the terms of the Settlement, DESC and Solar Developer respectfully request that the Commission find that the Settlement contains protected information and issue a protective order barring the disclosure of the Settlement under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 et seq., S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(1), or

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any other provision of law. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2), the determination of whether a document may be exempt from disclosure is within the Commission's discretion.

To this end, and in accordance with Commission Order No. 2005-226, dated May 6, 2005, in Docket No. 2005-83-A, we enclose with this letter a redacted version of the Settlement that protects from disclosure the sensitive, proprietary and commercially valuable information, while making available for public viewing non-protected information. We also enclose a copy of the unredacted Settlement in a separate, sealed envelope and respectfully request that, in the event that anyone should seek disclosure of this unredacted version, the Commission notify DESC of such request and provide it with an opportunity to obtain an order from this Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction protecting the Settlement from disclosure.

Enclosed are the following:

- 1. A true and correct copy of the original Settlement in a sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL." Each page of the Settlement is also marked "CONFIDENTIAL."
- 2. Ten (10) copies of a redacted copy of the Settlement for filing and public disclosure.

By copy of this letter, we are providing the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") with a redacted copy of the Settlement for its records. Additionally, DESC will make the original, unredacted copy of the Settlement available to ORS for its review.

In conclusion, DESC and Solar Developer respectfully request that the Commission approve the Settlement with an effective date of August 28, 2019. Thank you for your assistance and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

J. Ashlev Cooper

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(Via Electronic Mail) Richard L. Whitt Jenny R. Pittman

CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

THE CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE (the "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Eastover Solar LLC ("Eastover"), and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC"), this 28th day of August, 2019 (the "Effective Dete"). Lastover and DESC are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2019, Eastover filed a Request for Modification (the "Equest") with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") in Docket No. 2019-51-E seeking a modification of its Interconnection Agreement (the "Original IA") with DESC on November 13, 2018, for a 73.6 MW solar project (the "Project");

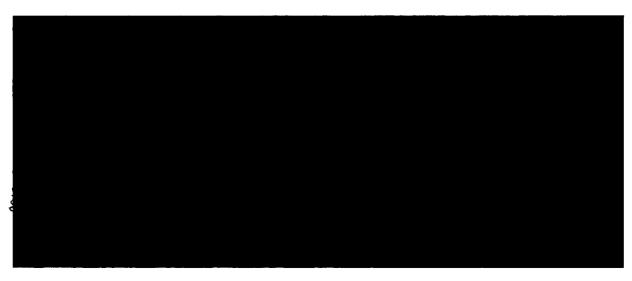
WHEREAS, on December 28, 2018, Beulah Solar, LLC ("Beulah") filed a Request for Modification of its own Interconnection Agreement with DESC in Docket No. 2018-401-E, which was consolidated with Eastover's Request in Commission Order No. 2019-13-H:

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2019, Eastover also filed a Motion to Maintain Status Quo (the "Motion") to toll its obligations under the Original IA while the Commission addressed the issues underlying the Request;

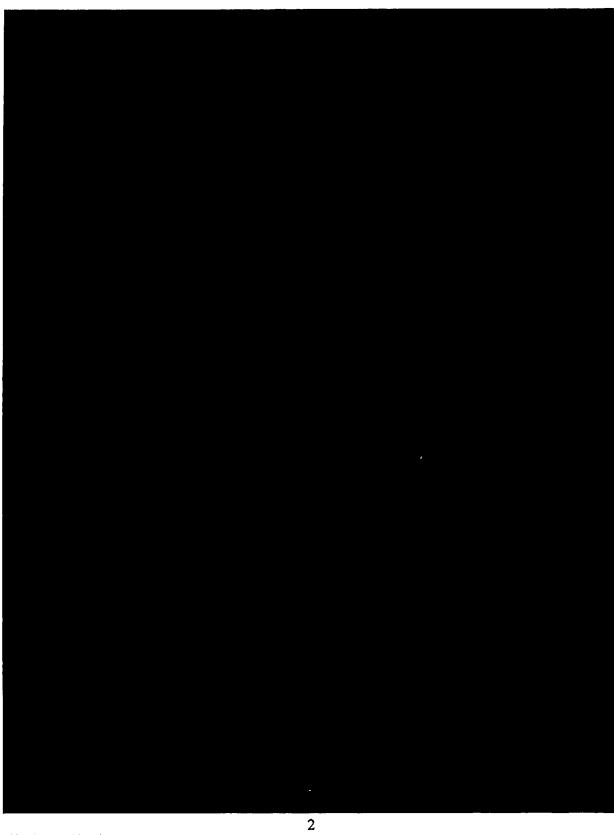
WHEREAS, DESC opposes Eastover's allegations set forth in the Request and the Motion, and opposes the relief sought before the Commission by and through the Request and the Motion;

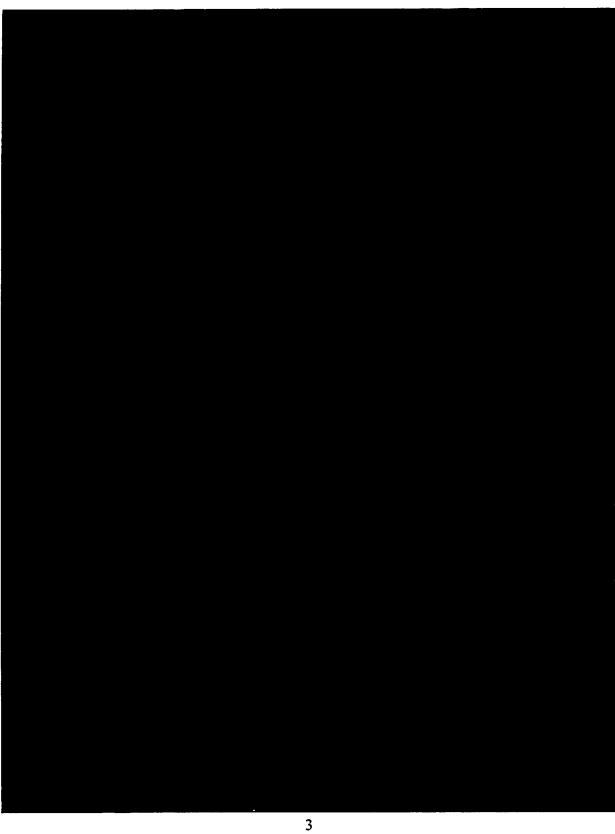
WHEREAS, to avoid the costs, disruption, and distraction of further litigation under the Motion and the filings arising from the Motion (the "Action"), and without admitting the validity of any allegation made in relation to the Request or the Action, the Parties have agreed to resolve any and all claims, disputes, and all matters that were raised or that could have been raised in the Action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement does not impact the allegations and relief sought in the Request, which remains pending before the Commission.

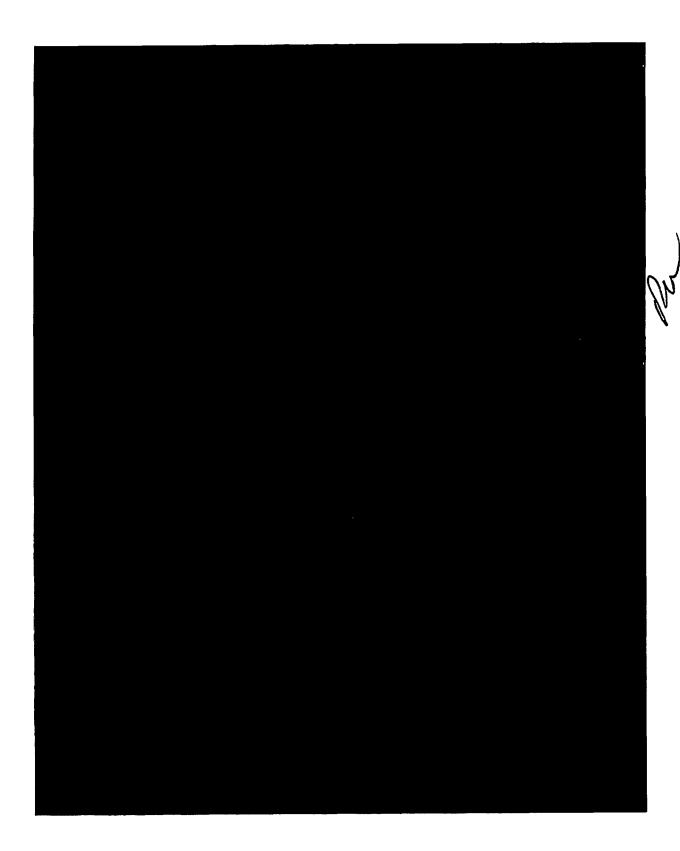
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter expressed, it is hereby agreed by and between the Parties as follows:

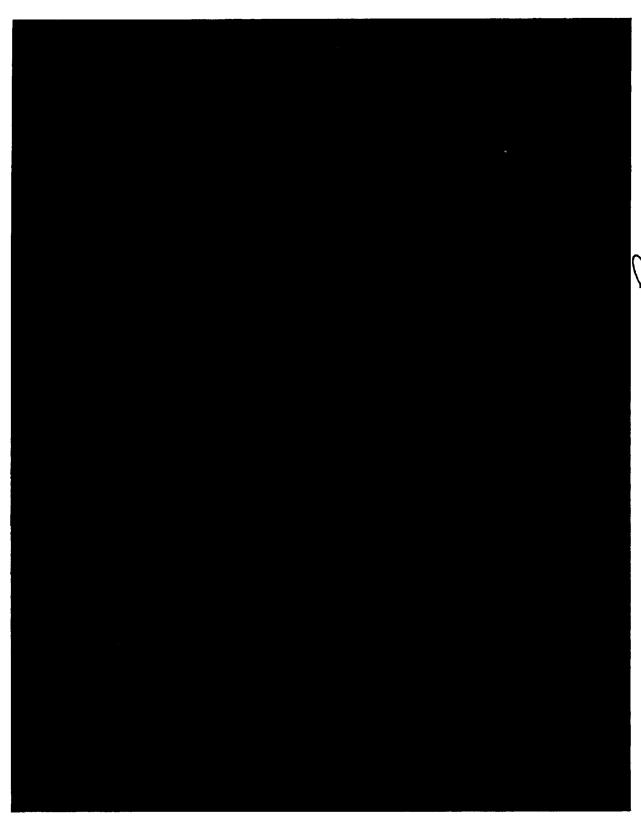


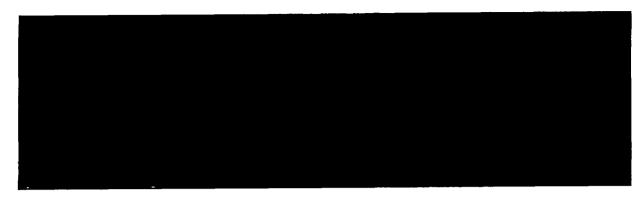
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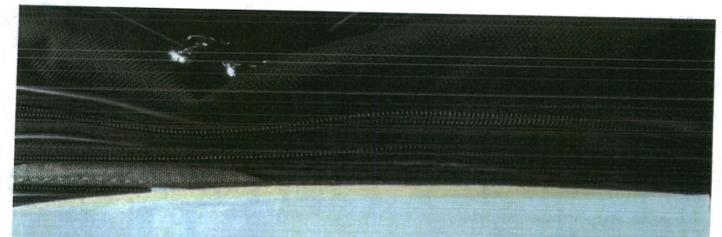






[signature pages follow]





IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement under seal, as of the Effective Date

EASTOVER SOLAR LLC

KENTUCKY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LOGAL

Personally appeared before me Cyustoraek Killenbirg, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and acknowledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

Sworn to before me this 27 day of Acquer. . 2019.

DOMINION	ENER	GY	SOUTH	CAR	OLINA	INC.
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By: Keller Kidson
Its: President, Electric Operations

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF Lexington

Personally appeared before me <u>Keller Kissam</u>, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and acknowledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

Sworn to before me this 28 day of August, 2019.

My Commission Expires: March 12, 200

EXHIBIT A

